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In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, for the above-identified patent application, please consider the remarks below and amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 13, and 14 as shown in clean form below:<sup>1</sup>

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1. (Twice Amended) A molded article comprising pulp and having an opening portion, a body portion, and a bottom portion, wherein said body portion has no seams, the outer and inner surfaces of said article have a center-line average roughness of less than or approximately equal to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , and said body portion has at least one cross-sectional diameter which is greater than a corresponding cross-sectional diameter of said opening portion or greater than another corresponding cross-sectional diameter of said body portion, said corresponding cross-sectional

<sup>1</sup> A marked-up copy of the amendment is attached hereto.

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